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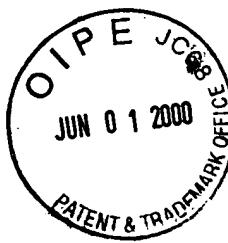
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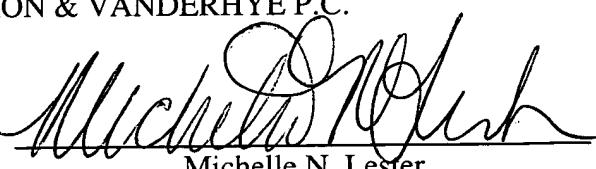
Sir:

On December 30, 1999 a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status and Refund Request was filed in the above-identified application. However, the Filing Receipt received from the Patent Office dated May 8, 2000 did not identify this case as a small entity. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office records be corrected and a corrected Official Filing Receipt be issued identifying this case as small entity henceforth.

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